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In Re: Application of: **Jorge L. Lombana** Date: December 15, 2004
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Filed: 2/25/2004 Examiner: **Smith, Duane S.**
Atty. Dkt. No. 240022
Title: "SEPARATOR FOR FLUIDS AND SOLIDS"

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the recent Office action, please amend the above referenced application.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Watts (US Patent No. 4,278,550). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Additionally, the Examiner has rejected claims 1 through 4 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watts (US Patent No. 4,278,550) taken together with Lavigne (US Patent No. 2,015,076). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Please consider the arguments exposed in the remarks.